GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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BAGDOGRA AIRPORT
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the runway of the Bagdogra Airport has been expanded and the modernization work at the airport has also been completed;

(b) if so, whether daily flights of Indian Airlines from Kolkata to Bagdogra and back are likely to be restored soon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) :-Airports Authority of India maintains a Civil Enclaveat Bagdogra airport. A new terminal building with all modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time, at a cost of Rs. 11.43 crores has been commissioned on 8th September, 2000. Customs and Immigration facilities are also available to handle limited international flights. The runway at Bagdogra Airport has been strengthened and re-carpeted by the Indian Air Force.

(b) and (c) :- Indian Airlines is currently operating three flights a week between Kolkata and Bagdogra. At present, there is no plan to increase the frequency to daily service due to shortage of aircraft with Indian Airlines.